

pages H4371–72, H4372. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel and the Subcommittee on Africa of the Committee on International Relations held a joint hearing on trafficking in persons. Testimony was heard from Ambassador John R. Miller, Director, Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Department of State; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gail H. McGinn, Performing the Duties as Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; and Thomas F. Gimble, Principal Deputy Inspector General; and COL Robert K. Boyles, USAF, former Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting—Forces, Joint Contracting Command—Iraq/Afghanistan, U.S. Central Command.

### **SPACE AND U.S. NATIONAL POWER**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on space and U.S. national power. Testimony was heard from LTG C. Robert Kehler, USAF, Deputy Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, Department of Defense; Ed Morris, Director, Office of Space Commercialization, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### **INTERNET PRIVATE RECORDS ACCESS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Internet Data Brokers and Pretexting: Who Has Access to Your Private Records?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

In refusing to give testimony at this hearing, the following individuals: John Strange; Jay Patel, Ed Herzog; Skipp Porteous; Michele Yontef; Carlos Anderson; Laurie Misner; Tim Berndt; James Welker; Patrick Baird; and Steven Schwartz, invoked Fifth Amendment privileges.

Hearing continues tomorrow.

### **UNIVERSAL SERVICE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Universal Service: What Are We Subsidizing and Why? Part 1: The High-Cost Fund.” Testimony was heard from Donald B. Marron, Acting Director, CBO; Tom Navin, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

### **COMMERCIAL INSURANCE MODERNIZATION**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Commercial Insurance Modernization.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **BANK SECRECY ACT’S IMPACT ON MONEY SERVICES BUSINESSES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Bank Secrecy Act’s Impact on Money Services Businesses.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Don Carbaugh, Acting Associate Director, Regulatory Policy and Programs, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Eileen C. Mayer, Director, Fraud/Bank Secrecy Act, Small Business/Self-Employed Division, IRS; and Ann F. Jaedicke, Deputy Comptroller, Compliance Policy; and public witnesses.

### **ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATIONS/FEDERAL PROCUREMENT**

*Committee on Government Reform:* and the Committee on Small Business held a joint hearing entitled “Northern Lights and Procurement Plights: The Effect of the ANC Program on Federal Procurement and Alaska Native Corporations.” Testimony was heard from Representative Young of Alaska; David Cooper, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO; Calvin Jenkins, Deputy Associate Deputy Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, SBA; Frank M. Ramos, Director, Small Business Programs, Office of the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense; Melodee Stith, Associate Director, Acquisition and Financial Assistance, Office of Acquisition and Property Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### **DEEP WATER ROYALTY RELIEF**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled “Deep Water Royalty Relief: Mismanagement and Cover-ups.” Testimony was heard from the following Attorneys in the Department of the Interior: Milo Mason and Geoffrey Heath; and public witnesses.

### **SECURITY DEPARTMENT TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Held a hearing entitled “DHS Terrorism Preparedness Grants: Risk-Based or Guess-Work?” Testimony was heard from

the following officials of the City of New York: Michael Bloomberg, Mayor; and Raymond W. Kelly, Commissioner, Police Department; the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony Williams, Mayor; and Edward D. Reiskin, Deputy Mayor, Public Safety and Justice; and George Foresman, Under Secretary, Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security.

#### **RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY; DEMOCRACY IN LATIN AMERICA**

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported adversely H. Res. 846, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to strategies and plans either designed to cause regime change in or for the use of military force against Iran.

The Committee also held a hearing on Democracy in Latin America: Successes, Challenges and the Future. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Paula J. Dobriansky, Under Secretary, Democracy and Global Affairs; and Adolfo Franco, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

#### **U.S. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO EGYPT**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia continued hearings to Review U.S. Assistance Programs to Egypt, Part II. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **RESOLUTIONS OF INQUIRY; AND MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 819, Requesting the President and directing the Attorney General to submit to the House of Representatives all documents in the possession of the President and the Attorney General relating to requests made by the National Security Agency and other Federal agencies to telephone service providers requesting access to telephone communications records of persons in the United States and communications originating and terminating within the United States without a warrant; H. Res. 845, adversely, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, documents relating to the termination of the Department of Justice's Office of Professional Responsibility's investigation of the involvement of Department of Justice personnel in the creation and administration of the National Security Agency's warrantless surveillance program, including docu-

ments relating to Office of Professional Responsibility's request for and denial of security clearances; and H.R. 5520, amended, Veterans Identity Protection Act.

#### **OVERSIGHT—CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the Crime Victims' Rights Provisions of the Justice for All Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 512, To require the prompt review by the Secretary of the Interior of the longstanding petitions for Federal recognition of certain Indian tribes; H.R. 854, amended, To provide for certain lands to be held in trust for the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe; H.R. 2069, Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2005; H.R. 2134, Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community in Washington, D.C.; H.R. 2925, amended, To amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to extend the authority for drought assistance; H.R. 3085, amended, To amend the National Trails System Act to update the feasibility and suitability study originally prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and provide for the inclusion of a new trail segments, land components, and campgrounds associated with that trail; H.R. 3817, Valle Vidal Protection Act of 2005; H.R. 4165, To clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Clam Pass Unit FL-64P; H.R. 4275, To amend Public Law 106-348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; H.R. 4294, amended, Natural Resource Protection Cooperative Agreement Act; H.R. 4301, Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal Land Conveyance Act of 2005; H.R. 4376, amended, Springfield Armory National Historic Site, Massachusetts Act of 2005; H.R. 4612, amended, Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historic Park Designation Act; H.R. 4761, amended, Domestic Energy Production through Offshore Exploration and Equitable Treatment of State Holdings Act of 2006; H.R. 4947, amended, Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act; H.R. 5057, amended, To authorize the Marion Park Project and Committee of the Palmetto Conservation Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia, and its environs to honor Brigadier General Francis Marion; H.R. 5061, Paint Bank and Wytheville National Fish Hatcheries Conveyance

Act; H.R. 5079, amended, North Unit Irrigation District Act of 2006; H.R. 5094, Lake Mattamuskeet Lodge Preservation Act; H.R. 5232, Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge Study Act; H.R. 5312, amended, Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2006; H.R. 5340, amended, Upper Mississippi River Basin Protection Act; H.R. 5411, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the National Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history; H.R. 5622, amended, Coral Reef Conservation Legacy Act of 2006; S. 260, Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act; and S. 1496, Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2005.

#### **OVERSIGHT—FOREST HEALTH: INSECTS AND DISEASES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Addressing Forest Insects and Disease: A Growing National Problem, “GAO Report on Invasive Forest Pests.” Testimony was heard from Daniel Bertoni, Assistant Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; the following officials of the USDA: Paul Eggert, Associate Deputy Administrator, Plant Protection Quarantine, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; and Jim Hubbard, Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, Forest Service; and public witnesses.

#### **PERMANENT ESTATE TAX RELIEF ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 5638, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000 and to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, and for other purposes, providing 1 hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Budget now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against the bill, as amended. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ryan of Wisconsin, Spratt, and Thompson of California.

#### **LEGISLATIVE LINE ITEM VETO ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule on H.R. 4890, to amend the Congressional and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority, providing 1 hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hulshof, Issa, and Pomeroy.

#### **OVERSIGHT—AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL MODERNIZATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Air Traffic Control Modernization: The Present and Future. Testimony was heard from Representative Waters; the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Russell Chew, Chief Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization and Robert Pearce, Acting Director, Joint Planning and Development Office, both with the FAA; and Todd Zinser, Acting Inspector General; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and a public witness.

#### **OVERSIGHT—VETERANS HEALTH RECORDS SECURITY**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held an oversight hearing on Safeguarding Veterans' Medical Information within the Veterans Health Administration. Testimony was heard from BG Michael J. Kussman, M.D., USA, (Ret.), Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

#### **BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES/HOTSPOTS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.